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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: FIXED-MONETARY-AMOUNT  
PURCHASING SYSTEM FOR  
PRECIOUS METALS

Art Unit: 2161

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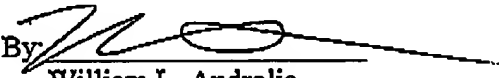
Dear Sir:

The above-identified patent application was converted into a nonprovisional application on May 25, 2001. A Status Inquiry was previously filed on July 30, 2002, and a Second Status Inquiry was filed on April 6, 2004. However, to date, no Office Action or Notice of Allowability has been issued.

It is therefore respectfully requested that this matter be investigated and that the Patent Office advise the undersigned of the status as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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